



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Larimore, ND ~*~ November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

Assembly: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: We praise and thank you for your amazing grace & life-giving power!

ALL: Let us worship and give praise to God!

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity...whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **Have mercy on me. I confess that I have turned from you and given myself into the power of sin. I am truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive me of my sins, known and unknown, things I have done and things I have failed to do. Turn me again to you, and uphold me by your Spirit, so that I may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy...may live in our hearts through faith. Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** "Majesty"

Majesty, worship His majesty. Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own who His anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the king. Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus, who died, now glorified, king of all kings.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – NOISY OFFERING

WORD

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 34:11-24*

¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. ¹⁷ “As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to

drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? ¹⁹ Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet? ²⁰ “Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²² I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

PSALM: *Psalm 95:1-7a (read responsively)*

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. ² **Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.** ³ For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. ⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.** ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. ⁶ **Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;** ⁷ for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[E] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God

placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “*Beautiful Savior*” vs.1

Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown!

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Matthew 25:31-46*

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ ⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these,

you did not do for me.’⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Jesus, Name Above All Names*” vs.1-3

1.) Jesus, name above all names, beautiful savior, glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed redeemer, living word.

2.) Jesus, loving shepherd Vine of the branches, Son of God Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

3.) Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords, the way the truth, and the Life, Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

***OFFERING** “*Take My Life...*” vs.2

Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee; Take my voice, and let me sing, Always, only, for my King, Always, only, for my King.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of

the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** “*Sweet Hour...*” vs.2

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my petition bear, To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless; And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care, And wait, for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** “*How Majestic Is Your Name*”

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty. (*sing 2X*)

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to serve the Lord, and share the Good news of Christ! We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Wayne Knudson (church president) at 218-779-3594 -or- Camilla Stover at 218-791-2678.

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Naomi & Family

Reader: Paul Mutch

Prayer: Julie Mutch

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: R. Stover Family

Serving Next Sunday (12/3/23)

Ushers: ??—sign up on the clipboard

Reader: Confirmation Students

Prayer: Teresa Welder

Communion: M. & S. Johnson

Fellowship: J. Knudsons & Mutchs

Our Savior's Mission Statement:

"**Excited by faith**, we are called to **serve all**; gathered to **WORSHIP**, **inspired** to teach, **we are our Savior's!**"

CALENDAR

Today, 11/26/2023— Christ the King Sunday

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship—Cake, Mints, & Grapes in celebration of Robert & Camilla Stover's 40th Wedding Anniversary!

Please stay and help the Aamodts & Reinholds decorate the church for Advent/Christmas!

Wednesday, 11/29/2023

3:30pm—Confirmation Class

Thursday, 11/30/2023

No Quilting for the rest of the year

Next Sunday, 12/3/2023—1st Sunday of Advent

9:00am—Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

10:00am—Worship w/Holy Communion

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day:

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: Nov. – Dec.:** FOOD PANTRY
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Flowers in the sanctuary:** 1) in Memory of Dave Weber & Donald Enger—given by Teresa Welder & Tina & Tracy; 2) in Honor of Robert & Camilla Stover’s 40th Wedding Anniversary—given by Roberta Stover
- **Sunday, December 3rd:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- **Wednesday, December 6th:** WELCA Christmas Program—bring your Christmas Bells with you!
- **Sunday, December 17th:** **Sunday School Christmas Program;** **Potluck to follow**—no need to bring desserts as the **Youth Group is doing a Bake Sale Fundraiser.**

PRAYER LIST

To add or remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church email: oslclarimorerooffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta Stover: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Family of Brent Nesdahl Ron Petsinger Family of Jone Barnick
(mother of Pr. Raenelle) Red Willow Bible Camp Country of Israel,
and all countries in the world—that they come to know Christ as their Savior
and Lord Jerry Madson (Sherry Voight’s dad) Viola Lee
Gloria Temple Lois Jemtrud Mark Sletten Betty Olson
Pr. Rena Peterson Donna Willoughby (daughter of Gordon Peterson)
Robbie Leake OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn
Aamodt, Nancy Smith, Wayne Knudson (non-voting members: Luke
Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt)*

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch
Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman